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SUBJECT: DAILY ARA SUMMARY - AUGUST 16

1. MEDIA FOCUS ON HEMISPHERE: THE UNUSUALLY HEAVY
MEDIA COVERAGE OF LATIN AMERICAN SUBJECTS CONTINUES
UNABATED. DURING PAST WEEK WE HAVE AVERAGED ONE TO
THREE FRONT PAGE STORIES IN POST AND TIMES. FOR
EXAMPLE, YOUR SECOND DAY IN SANTIAGO WASHINGTON POST RAN
FOLLOWING ONE-TWO-THREE INTERNATIONAL STORIES PAGE ONE:
PANAMA AGREEMENT, FRANK CHURCH IN CUBA, AND YOUR VISIT/
PINOCHEZ ANNOUNCEMENT. TODAY'S POST AND TIMES GIVE LEAD
SPOT TO ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS WIN REPUBLICAN SUPPORT
ON PANAMA WITH TIMES FEATURING PICTURE PRESIDENT AND
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KISSINGER. POST ALSO RAN PAGE ONE ARTICLE, "YOUNG
WARNS HAITI ON HUMAN RIGHTS" WHILE TIMES HAD BRIEF FAVOR-
ABLE EDITORIAL CHILEAN DEVELOPMENTS (REPORTED SEPTTEL).

2. SAN JOSE CONVENTION: DOMINICAN FOREIGN SECRETARY JIMENEZ ANNOUNCED AUGUST 14 THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WOULD SHORTLY SIGN THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. IN ADDITION, OUR EMBASSIES IN ECUADOR, HONDURAS, AND NICARAGUA HAVE INDICATED THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS MAY RATIFY THE CONVENTION.

3. REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN NICARAGUA: AUGUST 16 WASHINGTON POST AND N.Y. TIMES REPORT THAT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL HAS RELEASED A 75-PAGE DOCUMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN NICARAGUA FROM DECEMBER, 1974 TO JANUARY, 1977. THE ORGANIZATION'S FINDINGS ARE BASED ON EXTENSIVE TESTIMONY INCLUDING THAT BY FORMER PRISONERS. DESPITE IMPROVEMENTS IN RECENT MONTHS, AI CLAIMS THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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DUE PROCESS IS STILL SELDOM AVAILABLE AND THAT SOME 300 MISSING PEASANTS ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. AI SAYS THAT IN MAY, 1976, ITS INVESTIGATORS WERE NOT ADMITTED TO PRISONS AND WERE DENIED INTERVIEWS WITH HIGH-LEVEL NICARAGUAN OFFICIALS.

4. BURNHAM'S HEALTH: EMBASSY GEORGETOWN REPORTS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER WILLS STATED ON AUGUST 10 THAT HE HOPED THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE P.M. BURNHAM ON SHORT NOTICE FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT IF NECESSARY. BURNHAM'S HEALTH HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN LATELY. WHEN WILLS POSED THE SAME QUESTION IN MID-FEBRUARY, WE TOLD HIM THAT WE WOULD STAND READY TO ASSIST SHOULD THE PM NEED TREATMENT.

5. BARBADOS NAVAL FACILITY NEGOTIATION: IN AN AIDE-MEMOIRE TO THE U.S., BARBADOS HAS REQUESTED THAT TALKS ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE BE STARTED AND THAT THEY BE RESOLVED CONCURRENTLY WITH A NEGOTIATION OF A NEW AGREEMENT FOR THE NAVAL FACILITY. THE AIDE-MEMOIRE ALSO REQUESTED COMPENSATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20 MILLION. EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN RECOMMENDS THAT WE INFORM THE GOB

THAT IN VIEW OF THE VERY WIDE DISPARITY IN OUR
POSITION WE CANNOT CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT AND THAT WE
SHOULD PROCEED WITH THE CLOSING DOWN OF THE FACILITY.

6. PARM FOR GUYANA: AUGUST 16 PARM REVIEW FOR GUYANA
APPROVED EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION THAT PRESENT ECONOMIC
DISTRESS OF GUYANA BE TREATED AS OPPORTUNITY FOR USG
TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH MULTILATERAL RESOLUTION OF

IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL PROBLEM AS WELL AS PROGRESS TOWARD
LONGER-RUN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF GUYANA. SUCH ACTION
WOULD BE TAKEN IN MANNER CONSISTENT WITH OUR PRESENT
BILATERAL, CARIBBEAN REGIONAL, AND INTER-AMERICAN
OBJECTIVES. PARM OUTCOME WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS POSITIVE
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IMPULSE TO ECONOMIC STUDY GROUP NOW WEIGHING ALTERNATIVE
ACTIONS AND RELATED COSTS IN GUYANA CASE. VANCE

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